

House Resolution 17 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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1 A Resolution to designate November as Diabetes and
2 Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, diabetes affects more than 29 million
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, diabetes is a chronic condition that occurs
6 when the body does not properly produce or use the
7 hormone insulin that regulates blood sugar; and

8 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause
9 of death associated with diabetes, due to complications
10 associated with the disease such as high blood sugar,
11 high blood pressure, and obesity; and

12 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is a term used to
13 define problems with the heart and blood vessels such
14 as heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes; and

15 WHEREAS, people with type 2 diabetes are at
16 a two-to-four-times greater risk for developing
17 cardiovascular disease and findings from a recent study
18 reveal that 52 percent of adults living with type 2
19 diabetes are unaware they are at an increased risk; and

20 WHEREAS, two out of three deaths in people with type
21 2 diabetes are attributed to cardiovascular disease in
22 the United States, accounting for 68 percent of deaths
23 in people with type 2 diabetes; and

24 WHEREAS, the total health care costs for the
25 treatment of diabetes are approximately \$245 billion

1 annually, with direct medical costs accounting for \$176
2 billion of the total costs in 2013, and cardiovascular
3 disease accounting for 28 percent of costs for treating
4 diabetes patients; and

5 WHEREAS, minorities and the elderly are at an
6 increased risk for type 2 diabetes; and

7 WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health and
8 other relevant partners seek to promote awareness,
9 education, and action related to diabetes and the link
10 to cardiovascular disease; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
12 the House of Representatives designates November as
13 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month
14 in Iowa and encourages others to promote education
15 and awareness of the connection between diabetes and
16 cardiovascular disease.